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*Next Meeting's theme:
What you are building*

This month's cover pictures include one of Ted's, models for sale, ...



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HOT STUFF
Old & New

This month's virtual meeting theme is what you are building. Dr. V has attached pictures of my recent Corona builds. (I'm not smiling since I do not like my picture being taken.)

Remember, the food pantry. Stay safe – we need u! Rich r.argus@juno.com r.argus@juno.com

From: Bob Garofalo & Dominick Gerace: On Thursday, June 18th, 2020 the LIARS will host our next Virtual Meeting while we await our normal recreation center meetings to resume.



LIARS President Rich Argus started the meeting with briefing latest status...some of the attendees...



Some Words from the Editor At Large

Good day to my fellow LIARS &/or friends thereof. Well we have survived almost 4 months of forced isolation!

The MCB was envisioned to include member inputs plus relevant modeling goodies, so where are they? It's your newsletter! Contribute! **WAIT – I HAVE RECEIVED Muddy, HAMMER & Richie Rich inputs ...**

Dr.V continues to release interim bi-monthly LIARS MCBs during this (& other) crisis, to keep the membership/fellow enthusiasts abreast of the current situation. *Can you please provide inputs?*

As you read this, NASCAR racing has resumed as another Political Statement!

So Dr. V shall henceforth forgo including any commentary! (Anyone wish to present current NASCAR models?)

So, let's cover modeling events. Well, there are none at the moment. Let us know if u know any...

Ok, where do we modelers access models of interest? (See page 8 of this MCB) Well you all have not volunteered to provide inputs to the MCB! Really? It's your newsletter...

LIARS 6 4 20 Virtual Meeting Highlights

From our Unofficial Official -

When I was around 11 or 12, I started making models. In the beginning, I (& *probably* you) started building without painting the model. Next step, especially when AMT/SMP included parts to build 3 in 1 kits – was to use all the parts in the kit! (*Dr.V – so did the rest of us!*)

One of Rich's friends' modified an Edsel to make an El Camino... Rich then begged this friend to build him one & He did! During this time period, Rich as others used House Spackle as a filler...

Rich missed out on modeling when he was in the service (including when '65 kits were released)...

Mr. Bill talked Rich into joining LIARS...WOW! Speed forward to today ...Rich has now made 17 kits (plus 3 in work) since lockdown... (*Dr. V please let us know how you are displaying the finished Work Of Art(s)*) See last 2 pages.) Rich visited Bob's original Hobby Shop in Bay Shore on payday to buy a kit - (*Dr. V: any other LIARS have an input?* - Dr. V still lived in Queens during this time...he could walk to a Hobby Shop on Bliss street.)

Rich really liked (& still does) dioramas! He still wants to develop a car wash with real water...

Rich also wants to finish his 60s Hamburger stand...he has food (some out of resin/clay..., cars, & building...- Hammer made a couple of resin castings to use)

Rich requests guidance as to how to develop a 3x3 foot base with lighting...

Rich modified a 60 Corvette with quad hdlt, bubble top, Revell parts pack ...won 1st in NYC Car show...but his brothers cut it & trophy up when he was in service/// (*Dr. V entered this show and didn't win anything!*)

Rich just finished a 23 green T Bucket-which he painted 10 years ago & now has a 4 cyl Nissan motor (See pg. 11)...

Rich plans on talking with John Henry (Freeport Rec Center) WRT Social Distancing. Details to follow...

Mickey's 70 Monte 4 speed 1:1 in still in his garageIn 1989 Mickey won 1st with this 53 Corvette!



Next Pat V wants (e.g., Model Roundup's '60 Ford Country sedan...promo type kit (no engine)...Hubley # 154 plastic kit 1/24... no worry about warpage...

- Dr. V paid about \$1.49 (\$1.70 List) for one now it's \$249! (s/b about \$150.) Dr. V built it! (If you use kit decals then it's a Country Squire) - Eat your heart out Pat...

Pat V also wants 60 Buick Invicta - AMT-5560 ... Dr. V has spare ...

Misc: LIARS Sept Auction is TBD so is our show Unpaid old members are Out Of Luck...

1962 (really 61) Buick Special with trailer (AMT-5041) \$49.

Sunbeam Tiger 2 versions:

- Man from Uncle (AMT-925)
- Tiger with V8 (MPC)

4 in digital caliber ...\$12 with Harbor Freight



coupon

Trivia - LIARS mtgs. have at least 25 - 30 members in attendance

Bobby - 20 gauge Bell wire...use as Heater hose...check cottage industry

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT!!

If you plan to build the newly re-issued AMT/ex Polar Lights '65 Dodge Coronet and you want to use the kit distributor WARNING.....it's a 6 cylinder distributor!!!

Re: Ed "Big Daddy" Roth Tribute Thread!

DAMM! all I need to do is airbrush the chrome headers to make it look HOT and my award winning ROTH tribute is complete.... I've done it twice! having to re-strip the chrome (in this case ALCLAD)

So do any of you guys remember a tutorial in Scale Auto? It showed step by step instructions on how to make chrome headers look hot and "blue" Dam if I can find my issue.

THANKS! Paul

O scale train maker MTH is to close shop forever in April 2021

In the model train hobby this is like GM closing. Almost all their product is out of China and it seems the economics of manufacturing hobby items in China is not working. Does this mean changes to our hobby as well?

If you're not familiar with MTH, their products exceed e.g. Franklin/Danbury - products they are not toys! E.g.:



What is of concern is that some comments posted on a model car forum include:

- How many people are into trains anymore, outside of maybe setting one up around the Christmas tree? – Same can be said for us! Our offspring/grandkids prefer video games! ... think about it...
- Popularity of O (1/48) scale trains has been dropping in recent years. Not as popular with newbie train fans and O scale IS a bit large for fans of train layouts. – same can be said for us who enjoy 1/24 (& 1/25 scale) G Gauge...think about it...

Dr V's spin – hobbyist need to respect & support other modeling interests!

Let's not forget that in days of olde, 1:1 auto designers developed scale models to convey to their mgt., staff, etc. their vision.

Here's an example, where a designer built a portfolio of exciting works of art including students' work, such as,



Sorry if this is too deep...In 1936, a designer took a job at General Motors at the age of 17. His first assignment was working in the Art & Color section in the Buick Studio.

In 1937, Harley Earl, head of GM Design, had started a new studio in Germany and assigned a team to redesign a new 1938 Opel Kapitän model for the consumer market. The talented designers created a nicely designed automobile that was admired by many German consumers.

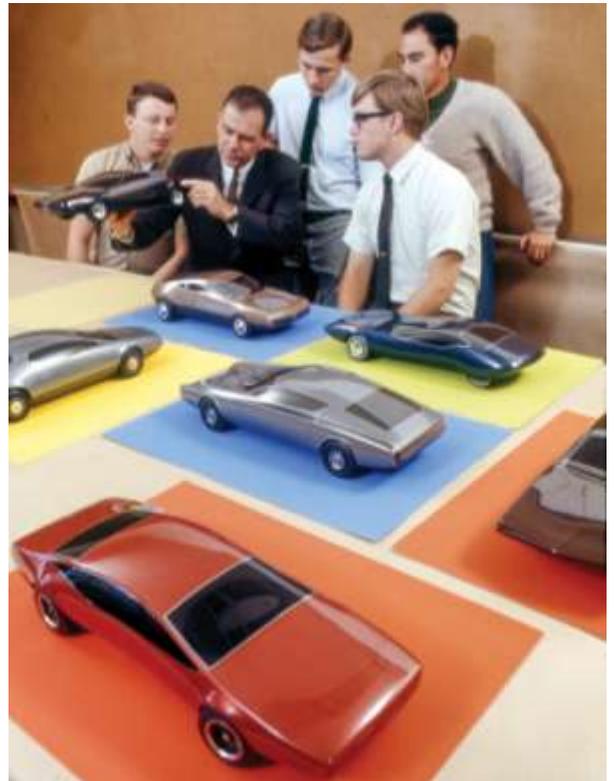


After the end of World War II in 1945, my designer example took a position with Hudson Motor Car Company. Later, he became involved with a Industrial Design firm, & contributed to

many other projects. His students' designs



included:



Point is that OUR off spring could be part of the next generation of designers! Over to you!

Back to reality...

SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS

By Ted Pappacena

On March 6 of this year, I went to the Amelia Island Concours D' Elegance. It was my second time going to this event. It is quite an amazing event with over 150 Antique, Classic, Racing, and other types of cars. Last year's event spotlighted drag racing cars for the 50th anniversary of the NHRA

Gatornationals. Funny cars, dragsters and fuel altered were on display and even cackled (a first at an event like this). Last year's honoree was all around racer Jacky Icky and many of his cars were on the grounds.

Going through an issue of Vintage Motorsport I saw an ad for this year's event. It would feature the Cars of Harley Earl and the Mercedes Benz Silver Arrows among many other amazing cars. This year's honoree was Roger Penske and about 32 of his race cars were on display. It was worth the hefty price of admission just to see those cars.

The first car I saw upon entering the field (on a gorgeous sunny day I might add), was a 1934 MB W25 Grand Prix racer, one of the famous Silver Arrows. This display had many pristine examples of the Silver Arrows except for this one.



This one was in what appeared to be "as raced" condition. Not shiny at all, in fact downright dirty showing a well-worn body with oil leaks dripping from the engine compartment. Still in all, I'm staring at motor racing royalty grime or no grime. By the way, if you're wondering why these cars are called "Silver Arrows", it's because at the time the formula for these cars was a minimum weight of 750kg (1653 lbs.). When these first examples were built and brought to the track, they were weighed and found to be slightly overweight. The team manager solved the problem by stripping the cars of paint to get them at 750kg, thus exposing the bare aluminum bodies that appeared to be silver.

Anyway I got real fired up seeing these and the many other fantastic cars and looked on eBay for any models that might be available. CMC models of Germany not only have W25 models but the very one I saw at the show in the same condition. They're called "Dusty Heroes". And they are not cheap, but I just had to have it and since it's limited to 1000 pieces worldwide, I bought it. It has 890 parts and most everything works. The hand laced wire wheels steer through the steering wheel and the straight 8cyl twin supercharged engine is fully wired and plumbed underneath the opening hood. Three rather delicate latches on either side will open the hood but I'll take their word for it. Anyway, I know as a club we're of the plastic persuasion and not about 1/18 scale die casts but this is too beautiful not to share. This is the third CMC model in my collection; I also have a MB W154 G P and a Bugatti Type 57 Atlantic Coupe. Hopefully there will be a few more additions.



PS Dr.V – OK Muddy so where are your stories for this event's other 150+ Antique, Classic, Racing, and other types of cars? Your initial response was "ON MY COMPUTER" ... so how do the LIARS enticed you to provide additional articles? LIARS really want your spin...So?

How did we get started building & collecting models or doing anything else associated with the hobby

OK, my turn! Richie Rich <picorro93@gmail.com> When I was around 7 or 8 years old, I was into the Transformers action figures that were robots that changed into all sorts of cool and weird creatures and vehicles. Eventually, there was a line of those Transformer toys call Alternators, that had the robots change into real cars like a Ford Mustang or Subaru Impreza WRX. They were 1/24 scale and super detailed, morso than the standard toys from the cartoon series that were out at the time. With me really getting into these Alternators variants, my dad saw that as a gateway the world of assembling model cars. My Dad was building models on/off from the mid-60s up to when my sister and I were born in 1990 and '93 respectively. He also saw this as a way to share his collection of kits from the late '70s-early '90s with me, but was also very protective of things he owns as my skills at the time were least to say very destructive. He showed me the basics on a started AMT '88 Mustang GT he had painted the body yellow on, and that event didn't go out well from what I remembered. I decided to start buying my own kits with whatever allowance I have to avoid wrecking more of his kits and getting yelled at further.

My mom and sister started getting me to go to the Michaels and AC Moore craft stores with them, and from there I started getting hooked on all the snap tite kits and AMT kits they had such as the Viper GTS and Fast and Furious Toyota Supra. From there on, I was hooked. As my interests were shifting from Transformers to model cars, my dad started to

partake in my interest more and we were going around to all the hobby shops and toy stores (back before they all went extinct and still had models to a degree) snatching up all the Dodge Viper models and imports that got my attention.

Some of my earliest builds were done using a friggin' hot glue gun, as a non-toxic solution until I got more experience kit bashing and destroying less shit. Eventually, I moved into using the traditional Orange tube glue and brush painting, with the first being done this way was a reissue of the Monogram 85 Fiero GT. My Dad sometimes sprayed the bodies for me, then eventually showed me how to spray myself from the basic sloppy way he when he was a kid. As we got internet in our household around 2005, I learned about primers, kit bashing, techniques such as using Pledge Future, and kit subjects I've never seen before thanks to a website called ScaleAutoMag.com. As the internet was a wreath of new and exciting info, my skills were developing and new ideas were forming for builds as each kit went on.

We used to subscribe to Newsday, and they had a yearly event book that had all the car and toy shows listed throughout Long Island. We were going to car shows for a Fiero club my dad was in (he has a 85 GT that's sitting in our garage waiting to be restored) and to look for old and cool toys, mainly Hot Wheels, Johnny Lightnings, and eventually models. With my interest and skills in models growing rapidly, we had wished there was a mega convention on Long Island that only sold car models and had a competition to see what other builds are out there in the flesh. In the 2008 Newsday Fun Book, that wish came true as we had found a listing for a Model Car Show and Swap Meet in Freeport, New York, held by the Long Island Automotive Society.

That show was a goldmine and a massive surge of excitement for me, but for some reason I didn't think bring any builds with me in the Juniors category. I was probably more focused on getting deals on long sought after kits on my wishlists, rather than paying \$10 to enter Juniors and probably not win anything with the skill level I had at the time.

We were told the club held meetings somewhere on the Island, but we didn't ask at the time because we didn't know a lot of the people who were there. We had met a vendor and former member called Paul, who ran a storefront names Paul's Toy Box. He had all sorts of cool shit and not only told us he shared space at an antique store in Farmingdale called Ohs and Ahs, but also told us of a old time hobby store near Freeport that had all sorts of stuff ranging from the 60s to now. That was Dave's Hobby and we had went there immediately after the Freeport show scooping up all sorts of cool kits including an MPC 80s Toyota Celica Supra which was a full detail kit with a bitchin' wide body option.

In April 2009, we had learned of another model car show in New Jersey called NNL East. That was near where my aunt lived and as we were seeing around that time, it made sense to combine the trip. That was another cool show, and this time I brought some kits to enter since kit entry was included in the rather pricey show admission. I didn't win anything obviously, but was a memorable experience and set the ground for later competitions to come. We saw some LI folks who were at the prior Freeport show, and asked one of them more information about the LIARS club. Once we learned the club meets every 3rd Thursday at a Rec center in Bayport, which is roughly 5 mins away from my house, I was hooked and had to join. My dad and I joined the LIARS in June 2009, and not only had we got cool deals and parts and met meeting crazy funny guys who had similar experiences and interests, but I also had won the Juniors category at the 2009 and 2010 Freeport shows. Around 2012, I was attending the MTGs myself once my dad started getting busy with the heavy loads of work we were getting at our Orthodontic Lab.

By the time I started working at our lab and attended college, I gradually had far less time to finish and work on any of my builds, until Corona that is LOL! There was a point where I was barely getting just one or two done a month, way down from the 20, 30 or I had cranked out prior to working. That comes with life unfortunately, but most of the time it's nice to look back on past accomplishments and sometime wonder if I could've done more things or somehow screwed up more LOL!!

Now to some filler – well submit something!
Micro Machines "Micro But Many" Book Details
Toy History



Millennial car nuts are right in their sweet spot for vehicle nostalgia, and for many of said nuts, Micro Machines were the toy of choice for a few years. The fast-talking pitchman made the tiny cars, trucks, and planes stand out from the larger Hot Wheels and Matchbox toys. As those have become collectible, spawning renewed interest (and, yes, even full-size, drivable recreations. It was maybe inevitable that Micro Machines would get their second day in the sun.

That time seems to be now. This big, glossy book from Bitmap is called "**Micro But Many: An Unofficial Micro Machines Collection.**" As you can tell from the title, it's a work that's not authorized by current owner Hasbro, nor is it related to the latest revival attempt by Wicked Cool Toys.

Introduced by the fast-talking Micro Machines Man of the TV commercials, Micro but Many: an unofficial Micro Machines collection features over 1,000 beautifully photographed Micro Machines – the must-have miniature cars of our misspent youth.

This book is a rare collection of the most loved Micro Machines from the 1980s, 1990s and beyond – including some never before seen! Curated by collectors and the original Micro Machines designers over six sections, Micro but Many is a nostalgic, visual showroom for one man's toy car collection. Take a spin down memory lane in a race car, plane, tank, truck, motorbike, boat or even the Lunar Rover – all are included, with detailed photography and stats. The book also provides an under-the-hood look at how these diminutive wonders were created, showing off prototypes and unreleased vehicles as well as insights and anecdotes from the original Micro Machines designers.

Whether it's a unique European car such as the Aston Martin DB5 or an awesome American car like the Ford '64 Mustang or even a cool classic like the Bugatti '27 Type 41 Royale, you're sure to find your favourite car in this book. Or maybe you're more of a plane fan, or a military whiz, or a train spotter - you'll find what you're looking for here regardless. Micro but Many comes with an animated lenticular 'Ultra Movers' cover, holographic foil blocked pages and four colorful bookmark ribbons. Book is sure to appeal to children of the 80s and 90s, auto enthusiasts and Micro Machines fans alike.

Book specifications

400 pages, 148mm x 210mm. Lithographic print. Hardback. Sewn binding. Four colored bookmark ribbons. Holographic foil details inside. Lenticular animated cover fascia. Holographic foil sticker on fascia. Shrink wrapped.

The book is listed for roughly \$38 on the U.K. company's website.

So you want to race slot cars! Bobby G suggests

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KLUIfX47kU>

From Ernie...Here's a web address to watch a Warner Bros. produced movie about the history of the Batmobile through the years.

autoweek.com/car-life/a32583043/batmobile-documentary-streaming-free/

Back to models...

Page 9 contains pictures of Gary Sutherlin's estate.

By:Chariots of Fire (Charlie)



HAMMER'S "WEIRD ONES" from the VAULT

I admit I'm hooked on EVERYTHING model car related: it includes Box art, instructions, History of all Variants, How many versions were made, and it goes on and on..... The computer and internet has allowed me to amass a rather sizable data base for model cars. It started with tracking all annual kits from 1960 to the 80's. Then that wasn't enough, so I began collecting data on all variants, then later sorted simply by "name".

I couldn't limit the data base to just the "Big Five". After all, it seemed everyone was making models and before long I had folders for 16 most widely known kit manufacturers, and about 90 others including international. If someone made a model of a car, I just gotta have it in the "vault". This has become my virtual stash, and its so much fun to add to it. Its also good therapy to take a break from a project.

In my searches, I've seen a lot of weird and offbeat kits. Some are the same kit (mold) offered by more than one manufacturer. Some are so *bad* you just gotta ask "how did this company survive all these years?" Some keep issuing the same, old tired kit, and by now the best box art still can't save it.

And then there's that one kit that stands alone for any number of reasons: and it becomes an item of interest and intrigue. Whats that? A company called Platz makes an AMT Batman NASCAR racer? Or a company called FROG makes a Chaparral, McLaren and Lola GT. A Japanese company called IMAI makes a yellow Mooneyes Monkeemobile. Young Engineer makes a motorized Ford Zephyr. I can go on, but I hope you get the idea.

I recently joined a few modeling and real car groups on Facebook. One group has asked me to contribute some of my wild cataloged items and I plan to do so. The first installments will be shared with my fellow LIARS, and so here's some from the VAULT; and PLEASE let me know If you have additional information or photos; feel free to comment!

Let's start with this Good Old AMT 67Corvette variant, kit # T201. I don't know when it was released but judging from the BALLOONS it must have been 1968 an election year. I kid you not, it shows Rockefeller, Wallace, Nixon, McCarthy, Humphrey and YES even comedian Pat PAULSEN named on the balloons!



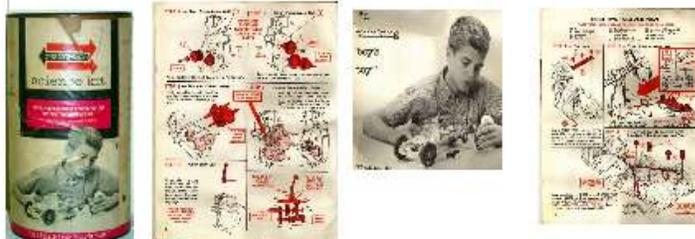
This 60's era front engine dragster in 1/24 is from a company called IKKO. Although the parts breakdown are rather basic, I would still love to have this! And of course it has a wind up motor



EMHAR appears to make military models. However a few 1/24 trucks are just too cool to pass up!



Remember REMCO? Well they got into the model craze with this really unique "kit-in-a-can" Were talking WORKING Steering, Transmission, Suspension, Differential, and Brakes: way ahead of its time



what other weird or unusual kits do you have or know about? Id like to know. Stay well everyone. Paul

To MAMA:

A contingent of Gary's friends and I visited his widow at the end of May and retrieved **TWO** vanloads of sealed kits totaling approx 1,200 plus kits. We have scheduled a follow-up visit for early June for another 1,000 plus kits. It will very likely take at least **TWO** more trips for the unbuilt but unsealed kits, books, paints and miscellaneous parts. I am quickly running out of room. Con-

sider yourselves all on notice that since our meetings are still not happening on a regular basis, I strongly encourage club members to call me for an appointment to come to my house and browse Gary's kits. All regular sealed kits will be \$10.00, large kits/trucks \$20.00 and unsealed kits are \$5.00. And remember, you are not only helping me out, more importantly, you are helping Gary's widow in this difficult time.



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A PORTION of Gary Sutherlin's car & truck models

A PORTION of Gary Sutherlin's race car models

A PORTION of Gary Sutherlin's car street rod models



Now to a 1:1 (Sergio Alvarez's) Car Collection and How It All Began check it out @

<https://blog.dupontregistry.com/features/sergio-alvarez-car-collection-interview/>



oh well here you go ...

Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera, Ferrari F12tdf and Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Black Series (AH \$\$\$)

When did your passion for cars start?:

- It started when I was 5-years old. I was going back home to Uruguay with my family. We were in a poor area, but we went to a richer part. That's when I saw my first **Porsche**. That's really the point I can remember where it all started. When I was a teenager, I lived in Brooklyn and worked doing valet. That gave me the chance to drive some exciting cars.



His "fleet" ten years ago, includes the Trans Am he bought in 1991.

What was your first car?

- I feel in love with the "Knight Rider" television show and the car (KITT). KITT appealed to me because it was a Trans Am, which was an attainable car. That's why my first car was a 1985 Firebird, which I purchased in 1991. I still own that car to this day and I've probably put more money into it than any of my other cars.



His Lamborghini Huracan Performante.

Which car drives the best?

- I love the **Mercedes-AMG GT R** because of its old school rumble, but it comes down to two different categories: a Sunday driver and fun car. My AMG GT R and **Lamborghini Huracan Performante** are great Sunday drivers. In terms of fun, my **Aventador SV** is my pick and soon it'll be the Aventador SVJ which is better than the Huracan Performante all around and still tossable around corners.



Alvarez checking out the SSC Tuatara.

What's your next car?

- My Aventador SVJ 63 is coming in April, Ferrari Pista Spider in the summer and no date on my Porsche 911 Speedster. I do have my eyes on the SSC Tuatara as well.



Hybrid power in his Porsche 918 Spyder.

How do you feel about the move to hybrid supercars?

- I actually prefer the electrification over turbos, it feels more like a naturally aspirated engine. Turbos have come a long way, with engineers cutting out turbo lag but hybrid powertrains just give you that immediate boost.



Ferrari 458 Speciale, 812 Superfast and F12tdf in the garage.

How have cars influenced your business?

- I started Ai Media Group ten years ago. As the company became more successful, I bought new cars and started to build relationships. After buying a Ferrari, I started to go to the factory in Maranello. It's there that I met higher-ups in the company. As relationships grew, I started talking to them on how I could help educate them on new buyers, new money. We ended up doing business together and still are to this day.



"Couldn't ask for a better way to spend my weekend!" – Alvarez

A number of LIARS visited Our Leader to see his Corona Builds...Hope you enjoy as we did...

Saved the best for last – our leader's recent builds



Here's that funny engine Rich talked about...





More next month! Now where are yours, Dr. V?